

COUNTRY	Polish-occupied Germany		
TOPIC	Polish and Soviet Troops in Landsberg on the Warthe River		25X1A
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SOURCE

1. Prior to October 1950, a Polish unit at battalion strength was quartered in the barracks installation west of Landsberg on the Warthe River (O 53/W 08) on the north side of the road to Merzdorf (O 53/W 08). Residents believed that the unit was an infantry battalion. A resettler camp had been located in the barracks installation until April 1950. The installation consisted of about 5 four-story and 1 three-story brick buildings and was surrounded by a fence of mesh wire. It was noted that the soldiers were particularly young. They wore a broad red band on their vizor-type caps and were equipped with rifles and submachine guns. Four companies of the unit marched toward the center of the town for a review. A concrete entrance way led to an ammunition depot which was in a hillside about 200 meters northeast of the barracks installation. The area was surrounded by a fence.

2. A barracks installation consisting of about 6 five-story brick buildings was located on an elevation west of the town about 700 meters north-northwest of the main station and about 300 meters west of the road to Meinersdorf until September 1950. It was occupied by a Polish unit of about 500 troops which was believed by the 16-year-old son of source to be an antitank unit. Trucks towing guns were repeatedly seen leaving the installation. The guns had a length of 2.5 to 3 meters, but no details were given. About 50 three-axle trucks of Studebaker and Dodge type were seen in the barracks yard. About 100 carts were parked along the fence. They appeared to be not in use.*

3. Source learned from a friend of her son, who worked in a Soviet motor vehicle repair shop, that a suburb on the northern edge of the town between the roads from Landsberg to Meinersdorf (O 53/W 08) and Kladow (O 53/W 09) was occupied by Soviet soldiers. This section of the town was surrounded by barbed wire and blocked by a barrier. It was placed off limits to all Poles and Germans except those on business. The restricted area quartered a Soviet brigade headquarters and a Soviet unit at battalion strength. A colonel was the ranking officer. A general would periodically come from Liegnitz (O 52/B 82) for an inspection. Individual Soviet corporals, who wore crossed rifles with enameled stocks on their epauletts, were seen in the town. About 45 trucks, sedans and armored reconnaissance cars were seen in the restricted area in 1949.

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4. The revenue office and other civilian offices were located in the former German Artillerie Kaserne on the north edge of the town east of the road to Seinersdorf until October 1950. *

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* Comment. This information conflicts with a report of January 1950, according to which the former German Artillerie Kaserne north of the town was occupied by a Polish light artillery regiment. Source may have confused the installation with that mentioned in Paragraph 2.

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